

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH  
PROGRAM SUPPORT BUREAU  
QUALITY IMPROVEMENT DIVISION  
CULTURAL COMPETENCY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** December 10, 2014

**Present:** Andy Vigil, Drew Child Development; Ann Lee, SA 8 Long Beach/South Bay Geo Initiative; Aprill Baker, SA6 QA Liaison; Belanie Brown, DMH/CGRD; Betty Dandino, LACCC/Chair; Bruce Wheatley, Inner City Industry – CCC Co-chair; Catherine Clay, Women’s Community Reintegration; Edith Hernandez, DMH/OMD; Elisabeth Gildemontes, DMH/OMD; Harold Turner, NAMI Urban LA; Ilda Aharonian, DMH JJMH QA; Jenna Ness, Ocean Park Community Center; Leticia Ximenez, DMH Community & Government Relations Division – CCC Co-chair; Luis Garcia, Tri-City MHS; Marc Borkheim, PSB-QID; Mirtala Parada Ward, PSB-QID; Pam Inaba, LACCC; Ranie Riley, Women’s Community Reintegration; Reina De Cuellar, DMH SA2/Outreach and Engagement; Reyna Leyva, SA 4 Admin; Rima Safaryan, DMH; Rosina Guzman-Ehrlich, NAMI Westside LA; Roxana Linares, PSB-QID; Saadia Jackson, Compton Mental Health Center; Sharon Lyle, AAA UREP Co-chair; Yovette Roldan, SCHARP;

**Participants via Webex:** Ana Barrias; Dennis Murata, PSB Deputy Director; William Owens, SA1

Agenda Items	Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusions	Action Item	Person(s) Responsible
<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	Attendee introductions		
<b>Review of Minutes</b>	November minutes reviewed and approved.		Co-Chairs
<b>ESM Update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The California Reducing Disparities Project (CRDP) has 2 phases: Phase 1 was the release of the five CRDP reports</li> <li>Phase 2 is now taking place with the release of the CRDP Strategic Plan by the California Department of Public Health, Office of Health Equity. This Strategic Plan calls for the development and implementation of prevention and early intervention promising practices</li> </ul>		Sandra Chang Ptasinski

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Strategic Plan highlights 5 goals and 25 strategies; all related to serving underserved populations and reducing disparities</li> <li>○ \$60,000,000 dollars are attached to the Strategic Plan to fund capacity building, implementation and evaluation projects</li> <li>○ Projects will be selected via a Request for Proposal (RFP) process</li> <li>○ Community-based organizations that specialize in the 5 CRDP populations (African American, Asian Pacific Islander, Latino, American Indian/Alaska Native and LGBTQ) are encouraged to apply</li> <li>○ <u>Priority funding</u> will be given to applicants that demonstrate expertise in the 5 CRDP populations</li> <li>○ Projects will be funded for 4 years</li> <li>○ The overall goal of the Strategic Plan is to change the system of care</li> <li>• The CCC is invited to provide feedback on the 56-page CRDP Strategic Plan Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ An ad-hoc workgroup was created for this purpose. Members include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Belanie Brown</li> <li>– Ranie Riley</li> <li>– Catherine Clay</li> <li>– Saadia Jackson</li> <li>– Reyna Leyva</li> <li>– Sharon Lyle</li> <li>– Andy Vigil</li> <li>– Sandra Chang Ptasinski</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• The Cultural Competency Plan Requirements have not been officially released. Official release is expected for late December 2014 or early 2015.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The ESM will forward the CRDP Strategic Plan link to the CCC membership</li> <li>• The ESM will coordinate and lead the ad-hoc workgroup meetings</li> </ul>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information on Workgroup members, workgroup goals and objectives was not presented. Instead, the SAAC power point presentation components were recapped.</li> </ul> <p><u>CRDP Alignment Workgroup</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is the most recent CCC Workgroup formed. Two meetings have been held.</li> <li>Goal: to raise awareness of the 5 CRDP reports which represent the voices of the African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, API, Latino, and LGBTQ communities, as well as recommendations to reduce disparities</li> <li>Project Ideas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a proposal for a client/consumer conference</li> <li>Conceptualize a HN project</li> <li>Skid Row 24-hour State of the Arts Cultural Center</li> </ul> </li> <li>The proposal for the Skid Row 24-hour State of the Art Cultural Center project may be presented to the AAA UREP subcommittee for funding consideration</li> </ul> <p><u>Training Workgroup</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No presentation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Co-leads will submit the workgroup's written annual report to the CCC co-chairs</li> <li>Co-leads will submit the workgroup's written annual report to the CCC co-chairs</li> </ul>	Sharon Lyle and Bruce Wheatley
<b>CCC co-chair nomination and election</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leticia Ximenez and Bruce Wheatley were re-elected to serve as the 2015 co-chairs</li> </ul>		
<b>2015 CCC Workgroups</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The following workgroups will continue into 2015: <u>CRDP</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Betty Dandino</li> <li>Edith Hernandez</li> <li>Elisabeth Gildemontes</li> <li>Pam Inaba</li> <li>Saadia Jackson</li> <li>Sharon Lyle</li> </ol> </li> </ul>		

	<p><u>Data</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Andy Vigil</li> <li>2) Belanie Brown</li> <li>3) Harold Turner</li> <li>4) Jenna Ness</li> <li>5) Luis Garcia</li> </ol> <p><u>Outreach and Presentations</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Ann Lee</li> <li>2) Aprill Baker</li> <li>3) Reina Leyva</li> <li>4) Rima Safaryan</li> <li>5) Rosina Guzman-Ehrlich</li> <li>6) Yovette Roldan</li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concerns about the racial disparities among the African American and Latino youth within juvenile justice probation camps were discussed. The CCC agreed to create a workgroup that will focus and address this issue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Juvenile Justice Workgroup has been added to the 2015 Workgroups list and the following members volunteered to join the group: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Aprill Baker</li> <li>2) Belanie Brown</li> <li>3) Harold Turner</li> <li>4) Ilda Aharonian</li> <li>5) Jenna Ness</li> <li>6) Luis Garcia</li> <li>7) Rosina Guzman-Ehrlich</li> <li>8) Saadia Jackson</li> <li>9) Sharon Lyle</li> </ol> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• The 2015 Workgroups will stay connected to the Health Neighborhoods initiative</li> <li>• Bruce Wheatley shared the idea of presenting a panel in the SAAC meetings to teach the communities about cultural competency and disseminate CCC Workgroup information</li> </ul>		
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<b>Announcements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Data SAACs Presentation will be discussed next meeting in January 2015</li> <li>• CCC meetings will continue to be from 1:30pm to 3:30pm every second Wednesday of the month</li> </ul>		
<b>Next meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Wednesday, January 14, 2014, 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm at 550 S. Vermont Ave, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room, Los Angeles, CA 90020</li> </ul>		

Respectfully Submitted,